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## **Rep. Dave Considine Comments on Gov. Walker's Budget Address**

MADISON – Tonight, Governor Scott Walker delivered his 2015-2017 biennial budget address in the Assembly Chambers. Representative Dave Considine issued the following statement regarding the Governor's budget.

"My focus, and the focus of my Assembly Democratic colleagues, is on restoring economic opportunities for Wisconsin families. I sincerely hope Governor Walker will join us in this goal, but I am very concerned about the priorities he has outlined in his budget for the next biennium," said Rep. Considine.

In his address, Gov. Walker referenced plans to give the state's outstanding University of Wisconsin system more autonomy in funding. However, he failed to mention that this would mean cuts of hundreds of millions of dollars, in addition to tuition freezes for both the UW System and our technical colleges. He also announced his intention to rely on \$1.3 billion in borrowed money to fund transportation projects, further indebting future generations. Finally, the Governor announced plans to lift the cap on vouchers, taking more money away from our precious public school systems which have made our state great.

"These ideas will not create jobs or the economic, educational, or recreational opportunities Wisconsinites so badly need, and they are not the solutions to our state's problems," Rep. Considine stated. "Instead of taking aim at public education and continuing to borrow funds on top of a \$280 million budget deficit, we should be working together to create sustainable jobs and ensure that every child in Wisconsin has access to a high-quality education."

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